



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re application of: James Vickers**  
Ser. No. 10/721,915

**For: AVALANCHE PHOTODIODE FOR PHOTON COUNTING APPLICATIONS AND  
METHOD THEREOF**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

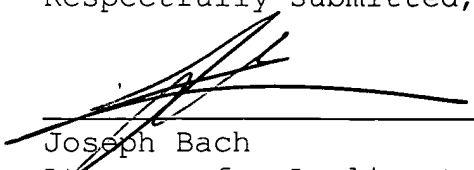
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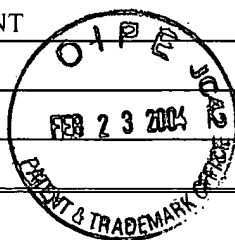
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